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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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## NEWS IN CHINA

- Wang Yi, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, stated on Tuesday that China is prepared to collaborate with Indonesia to strengthen all-around strategic coordination, further deepen the new pattern of cooperation covering politics, economy, culture, and maritime affairs, and jointly promote the development of the two countries and the prosperity of the region. Wang also said that China and Indonesia should enhance their defence and law enforcement cooperation, expand personnel exchanges, and strengthen their strategic friendship and mutual trust. Wang stated that China is prepared to improve communication and mutual learning between civilizations with Indonesia as part of the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI). Wang also urged the governments, political parties, parliaments, localities, and non-governmental organisations of the two nations to contribute positively to enhancing the format and content of the inter-civilizational dialogue.
- In a move that could strengthen its hold over the area but also increase severe tensions, China plans to grant city status to two Tibetan towns along the contentious border with India. The announcement comes after a dispute over a map with India of newly "standardised" place names in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh that the Chinese authorities published. One analyst said the announcement amounted to a claim of sovereignty over the LAC. Since a brief but bloody conflict over the issue broke out in 1962, China and India have been divided by the 3,200km (1,990 miles) LAC, though there has been no agreement on where exactly the boundary lies and tensions had risen more recently owing to military clashes in the disputed boundary provoking counter-measures from both sides.
- The Ministry of Ecology and Environment announced on

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- Tuesday that China's hyperspectral satellite for Earth observation had entered service following the completion of in-orbit tests. On September 7, 2021, the satellite Gaofen-5 02 was sent into orbit. Seven payloads, including short-wave infrared hyperspectral cameras, were mounted on it by the designers. According to the ministry, the onboard equipment would monitor the air, water, and land to support China's environmental protection efforts to combat pollution and help the country reach its carbon peaking and neutrality goals. Users in fields like crop yield estimation, mineral resource surveys, and climate change research can also access the satellite's high-precision, hyperspectral remote sensing data. Hyperspectral imaging satellites are able to combine spectra with images and detect a variety of ground objects as well as particular elements of the atmosphere, in contrast to conventional optical imaging satellites that only observe an object's shape and size.
  - The Shanghai government unveiled 28 projects related to culture and tourism that would cost a total of 108 billion yuan (about 15.7 billion U.S. dollars). Shanghai aspires to top the list of Asia-Pacific cities for tourism investment. According to Fang Shizhong, director of the Shanghai Municipal Administration of Culture and Tourism, during the 2nd Shanghai Tourism Investment Promotion Conference, the Chinese economic centre would progress closer to becoming a well-known tourist destination by boosting confidence, increasing consumption, seizing investment, and stabilising growth. The 28 projects include memorial halls for martyrs, cultural relics, historic homes, fashion, and

art. An indoor ski resort with a surface area of more than 90,000 square metres was among the largest projects proposed. The resort, which is slated to open to the public in the first half of 2024, is anticipated to strengthen Shanghai's tourism supply chain and ignite residents' enthusiasm for winter sports, according to the conference. The Shanghai government and the China Tourism Group would also work together to build a passenger cableway across the Huangpu River as well as to develop more smart tourism products in the future, according to Wang Haimin, general manager of the China Tourism Group.

- Chinese President Xi Jinping participated in a voluntary tree-planting event in Beijing and urged to increase afforestation efforts to start a new chapter in creating a "beautiful China". In the midst of a spring downpour, Xi and other leaders, including Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, Li Xi, and Han Zheng, planted trees alongside locals in a city park in Chaoyang's eastern district. Xi has taken part in the annual tree-planting event as the general secretary for the past 11 years. According to Xi, the leaders' participation in the tree-planting event aimed to inspire people all over the nation to work for a beautiful China. Xi questioned the young students in his immediate vicinity about their studies as he planted saplings of various tree species, encouraging them to love learning and grow into capable adults with solid moral foundations, intellectual prowess, physical vigour, aesthetic sensibility, and work skills. According to Xi, China leads the world in the amount of artificial afforestation, and the planting area is still growing. He also noted that
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China and the Chinese people have significantly improved the environment and helped the world deal with climate change.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Screenshots of China Electronics Technology (CETC) Chengdu employees yelling at their leaders went viral on the Internet:** The state-owned China Electronics Technology Corporation recently went viral on the Internet for the wrong reasons. A social media user, [Linge Jinglue](#), shared some screenshots received from a friend, who was working in the company's Chengdu branch. In the backdrop of the Qingming Festival, a boss in the Software Development Department of the company asked his employees to work overtime, and this demand angered the workers. The employees complained that they were made to work overtime till as late as 11 PM, which is in violation of the labour laws, while the bosses were relaxing in their homes. A mass resignation ensued, and soon employees from other departments also began to show solidarity. Seeing the situation getting out of hand, the senior leaders in the office tried to pacify the employees. However, they had become emboldened and went on to raise other issues such as overstaffing, inefficient management and nepotism. The screenshots became quickly viral on news sites and social media.

## INDIA WATCH

- Indonesia's bilateral engagements with India have seen a significant upward shift given the two countries' trade relations in

recent times. Both countries are a part of the G-20, the E7 (a group of seven emerging economies) and the Non-Aligned Movement among other initiatives. Moreover, India's bilateral trade with Indonesia is amongst the highest of all the ASEAN nations, amounting to \$20 billion. In terms of investment opportunities, there is vast potential in Indonesia's energy, infrastructure, manufacturing, and tourism sectors. Even though there is already a sizable amount of Indian investment in industries like coal, steel, textiles, and banking, there is still a lot that can be done. Indian goods could be exported using a shipping service from Chennai or Krishnapatnam to Medan in Indonesia via the Andaman Islands. India could also tap into a knowledge partnership with the tourism industry situated in Bali, where Indians are among the top foreign visitors. Both nations could also enhance their cooperation to ensure regional security in the Indo-Pacific and thereby New Delhi could further develop a partnership with Jakarta as a maritime power. This would require both nations to identify shared strategic interests, and significantly increase India's defence cooperation to address all regional security threats. Indonesia is an important player in Indo-pacific mostly because all of the straits connecting the southern Indian Ocean to the South China Sea are potentially under its control. More so, due to China's strategic Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the flexing of its naval muscles in the South China Sea, Jakarta could potentially play a stabilising role in the Indo-Pacific region with a path-breaking partnership with its maritime neighbour in New Delhi and secure the general interests of all the stakeholders involved in the region.

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